

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES
QUARTERLY REPORT
For April, May, and June 2008**

Region/Chairperson: Carla Wallace/Mike Atkins and Deb Smith (Vernal)

QI Meeting/Subcommittee meeting dates this quarter:

Roosevelt meetings: May 22, June 26th, July 17th,

Vernal meetings: June 5th, July 10th

Trend data reviewed:

Roosevelt: Number of youth in care was discussed. Reviewed troubled youth data some of which came from the Troubled Youth conference. Data on “youth cutting” was discussed. Data on the effects of energy drinks reviewed. Cps cases are up some.

Vernal: Number of foster homes reviewed. Meth crimes reviewed by Keith Campbell, deputy. Just got a new chair, looking for a co-chair that is non-DCFS. We will choose this person at next meeting. She, our new candidate has volunteered to help. Cps caseloads were discussed. Meth is a major component to the rise in cases. Foster care placements are still an issue. Most of our youth get placed out of the area. This is being discussed in both of our QI committees. The Meth Conference was appreciated by the community. Retention of employees and pay reviewed. Domestic violence data was reviewed. Numbers are going up but not drastically so.

Recommendations from the committee:

Roosevelt: Quana will present on youth cutting on themselves and treatment modalities. Northeastern counseling to present on energy drinks.

Vernal: Kirk will invite the foster care foundation to be on the committee. Matt will talk with Laonna Davis about rural differential

pay for workers. Write a letter to Lisa-Michelle Church regarding grant monies to start family drug court. We have a new DV worker to assist us in the basin.

Actions Taken:

Vernal: Matt has called Keith, re: contacting Laconna. Faith has been invited to be on the committee. She represents the foundation.

Roosevelt: Quana presented on youth cutting on themselves. NCC presented data on energy drinks.

QCR/CPR results reviewed: Toni Ansel said she is signed up to do a QCR. She is the director at DWS.

Vernal: reviewed CPR results. QA's done by supervisors.

Recommendations from the committee: We need more who are willing to assist.

Action Taken: Vernal group is still recruiting volunteers no commitments yet.

Media/Public Relations Events/Issues: Matt has done interviews for the standard regarding the 4/10's as well as a discussion about the meth problems in the basin. Our new building was apart of an interview also. Roosevelt is getting a new building. Lacy at the Standard wants to do more articles on DCFS.

Recommendations from the committee:

Actions Taken: Still hoping to have the editor of the Standard attend. He is on both committees.

**Regional/Office/Vexing Studies: (nature of the study, barriers identified, problem solving efforts, resource or other support needed)
Low pay for workers. Not enough foster homes.**

Recommendations from the committee: Matt will talk with Iaconna Davis about how they got more money for county employees. She will present at next meeting. Seek out more homes, reclass some homes to be structured. Change their license to care for more difficult youth. The foundation is recruiting all the time. We still need parents who will take teens. Foundation invited to be on the committee.

Roosevelt: had an employee recognition dinner. So did Vernal. Some partners were also in attendance.

Actions Taken: we expect to have more discussions in Vernal regarding a rural pay differential.

CPS issues/studies: (** at least QTRLY) Reviewed in Vernal. Numbers are up slightly.

Recommendations from the committee: Still need Meth resources

Actions Taken: had a meth conference, partners still want more information and another meth conference when school is in session.

Other: looking to start a family drug court. Subcommittee in Vernal will be addressing this.